

TELEPHONE CALLS, SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 1959/11K



11:05 Amb. Lodge telephoned to say that the SYG is planning to go to Moscow for 2 or 3 days, leaving here the 27th or 28th. He had had a trip planned to the Middle East, but on to Moscow is a new development. Lodge when Rockwell had come up to NY last year about Lebanon he had thought it would be well to let the SYG in on it and it had been very helpful. He wonders now whether it might not be wise for him to talk with the SYG and tell him how important it is for the people there to understand that there is no partisan division in this country; that we are not going to be deprived of our rights and if they insist on it there is going to be a fight. CAN said he thought it would be extremely helpful and suggested that Mansfield's statement of yesterday might provide important ammunition and suggested that if he had not seen it he might want to get a copy. Said Mansfield says he is 100% behind the Administration's German policy and wants ~~fixed~~ it to be flexible only on the question of unification being achieved only through free elections; thinks we should examine all alternatives. Said Khrushchev had made use of a previous statement of Mansfield's and therefore thinks this present one indicating real unanimity from a bipartisan point of view is especially useful. (2) Lodge said he had the impression McMillan might want to come here after his trip to Moscow. CAN said he thought that was somewhat hazy.

No action

Lodge memo on w/ SYG rec'd 2/25

11:10 - David Kendall telephoned and said NIT already has the story about Clare Luce's appt to Brazil. CAN said agreement has been requested but not yet received; suggested that the sooner we can get Briggs' assignment to Greece cleared the better, so there would be less talk about bringing in a politico in place of a career man.

No action

11:35 - David Kendall said they had decided it would be better to let announcement of the Luce appointment ride and give it out in the normal course; are undertaking to get Briggs cleared as soon as possible.

No action

See below

Action comp

1:00 - Telephoned Mr. Murphy re tgm from Lyon about 4-power working group and statement French might consider mtg in Washington of the four Foreign Ministers either just before or after the NATO meeting. They agreed it would be a good idea. CAH said if the Secy is in condition that will be fine; if not, we will have lost nothing. Mr. Murphy suggested then that CAH out it up to the President and fix a date a couple of days before NATO starts. (2) Mr. Murphy said he had just finished a long conversation with the German Ambassador, who had come up with some interesting ideas. They have reports from their Ambassador in Moscow quoting Amb. Thompson as going down the road pretty far along the line of "those telegrams". CAH said he didn't think anyone should be indicating any position on our part until it gets there are too many rumors around, and we should discourage it.

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see CAH - Goodpastor  
conv. 3/4  
W. R. Rountree

Tel to Moscow 7/24

1:20 - Mr. Rountree telephoned to discuss his concern over developments in the last 2 or 3 days: pressure on Turkey, Iran, etc. If Iran signs bilateral agreement with us the Soviets will occupy Azerbaijan; Iran thinks this is a bluff but would feel better if they had a presidential statement on Iranian security. (Call interrupted here by following call from the President.)

No action

Action complete

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 1959

1:00 - Mr. Rountree telephoned he has just dictated memo from CAH to President on Baghdad Pact business which he thinks should get out today if possible. CAH said he could bring it to the house at 4:30.

Action complete